

Agency Overview

The mission of the Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine is to promote the public health, safety and welfare by safeguarding the people of Idaho against incompetent, dishonest or unprincipled practitioners of veterinary medicine.

The Board's revenues are dedicated funds generated from licensing and certification fees paid by veterinarians, certified veterinary technicians, certified euthanasia technicians, and certified euthanasia agencies. The Board receives sporadic additional revenue in the form of administrative fines and reimbursements for investigatory and legal expenses associated with discipline settlements. These funds are allocated between the Board's four major areas: 1) Investigation and prosecution of complaints, 2) Veterinary licensing, 3) Veterinary technician certification, 4) Euthanasia technician and euthanasia agency certification.

The Board consists of six members; five veterinarians and one public member, appointed by the Governor from various geographic regions of the state. Veterinary members serve a five year term while the public member serves a three year term. Each of the five veterinary members serves four years as a veterinary board member and a fifth year as liaison officer; reviewing and mediating complaints. The board member serving the fourth year of appointment is the president of the board. The Board's office is located in Boise in the Idaho State Department of Agriculture headquarters. The Board's daily business is conducted by a full-time management assistant who hires temporary help as needed.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Complaint Investigations/Discipline – safeguard the people of Idaho by initiating and conducting investigations on all matters relating to the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, and euthanizing of animals, and prosecute violations of the Idaho Veterinary Practice Act. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

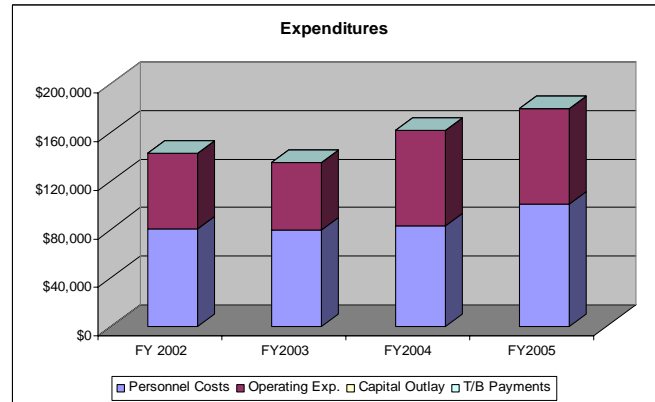
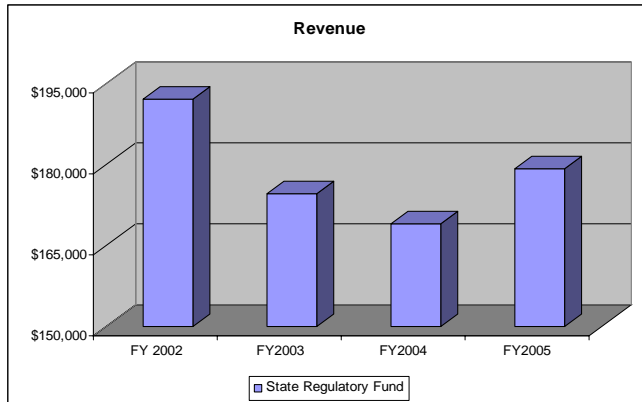
Veterinary Medicine – determine qualifications for issuance and renewal of licenses, set grounds for discipline, establish standards of professional conduct. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

Veterinary Technology – determine qualifications for issuance and renewal of certifications, set grounds for discipline, and set supervision standards. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

Certified Euthanasia – appoint Certified Euthanasia Task Force, determine qualifications for certification of euthanasia agencies and euthanasia technicians, grounds for discipline, and provide approved euthanasia training to allow purchase and use of approved drugs by certificants to humanely euthanize animals. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
State Regulatory Fund	\$192,100	\$174,700	\$169,100	\$179,200
Total	\$192,100	\$174,700	\$169,100	\$179,200
Expenditure	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$80,700	\$79,300	\$82,700	\$100,600
Operating Expenditures	\$62,400	\$55,900	\$78,700	\$78,600
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$143,100	\$135,200	\$161,400	\$179,200



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
New Veterinary Licenses Issued	46	50	47	65
New Veterinary Technician Certifications Issued	56	92	7	20
New Euthanasia Technician Certifications Issued	4	3	13	24
New Euthanasia Agency Certifications Issued	1	0	1	2
Veterinary License Renewals	1064	1062	1064	1070
Veterinary Technician Certification Renewals	43	96	145	148
Euthanasia Technician Certification Renewals	75	85	70	79
Euthanasia Agency Certification Renewals	15	15	17	17
Written Complaints Received	51	61	49	48
Complaints Prosecuted*	1	10	11	4
Warning Letters and Letters of Caution Sent	15	17	10	8

* Due to their legal complexity, complaint prosecutions are normally not completed in the fiscal year the complaint was filed

Performance Highlights

The Board office is in a transition mode after the retirement of its long-time management assistant and is currently undergoing a process review to determine potential areas of inefficiency in current processes in an effort to streamline office operations. The Board plans to implement some changes; rewriting the Jurisprudence examination, changing the rule regarding the reporting and tracking of continuing education as well as the number of hours required yearly, and adding the public record veterinarian database to its website to decrease the workload in the Board office.

Due to a substantial increase in the volume of complaints received since FY2002, the Board has a considerable complaint backlog to be resolved. The Board has directed its investigator to double his hours and has also implemented changes to the process for pre-screening complaints in an effort to become current; the anticipated time frame for this to occur is twelve months.

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